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ANNUAL REPORT.

THE Dante Society is still somewhat in arrears with its publications, and the Report now submitted deals with the year which ended in May, 1902. The Secretary, however, has not abandoned the hope of catching up with the years; and if the contribution promised for the Twenty-Second Report can be prepared (as now seems probable) during the summer, the Report will be issued in the fall of 1903. It will then be no longer necessary to apologize for a discrepancy between the dates on the title-page.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the Society was held at the house of Professor Norton on May 20, 1902. The President, Vice President, Librarian, and Secretary and Treasurer were all reëlected. In the case of the additional members of the Council the committee on nominations proposed a system of rotation by which a new member should be elected each year in place of the member with the longest term of service. In accordance with this recommendation Miss Scott was chosen to succeed Dr. Knapp, and Professors Sheldon and Geddes were reëlected. Besides transacting the usual routine business the Society discussed at length the choice of additional honorary members, the increase of its regular membership, and the publication of the Concordance to Dante's minor works. All these matters

were referred to committees. The Librarian called attention to the fact that for three years the Society had made almost no provision for increasing its Dante collection. It was thereupon voted to appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for the purchase of books relating to Dante for the Harvard College Library.

As a result of the belated issue of the Twenty-First Report the Treasurer's statement, rendered in 1902 and now printed, again showed a somewhat misleading balance. Against this balance were to be charged, besides appropriations for the Library, for the Dante Prize, and for other current expenses, the cost of two Reports — those for 1901 and 1902.

There was a gratifying increase in the competition for the Dante Prize in 1902. Four essays were submitted and were referred for judgment to a committee consisting of Miss Scott, Professor Geddes (Chairman), and Mr. W. R. Thayer. The Latham Prize, which had remained unawarded since it was first offered in 1890, was awarded to Mr. Alain C. White, of the senior class in Harvard College, for an essay entitled: "A Translation of the *Quaestio de Aqua et Terra*, with a Discussion of its Authenticity"; and a second prize of fifty dollars was awarded to Mr. Alphonso de Salvio, of the Harvard Graduate School, for a study of "The Verse-Endings in the *Divina Commedia* in which Dante has made 'li vocaboli dire nelle sue rime altro che quelle ch' erano appo gli altri dicitori usati di sprimere.'" Mr. White's essay is printed with this report.

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Secretary.